Planning Commission's projection on inflation during Eighth Five Year Plan period

600. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the details of the draft of Eighth Five Year Plan have been worked out; and

(b) if so, what is the Planning Commission's projection on the inflation level during the Eighth Five Year Plan period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) and (b) The details of the draft of Eighth Five Year Plan are under preparation. The Plan projections are being made at the base year (1991-92) prices. However, this does not mean that there will be no inflation. Through prudent fiscal and monetary policies the Eighth Plan will endeavour to contain the inflation at a low level. Efforts will also be made through the annual plans to avoid the erosion in resources in real terms so that the size of the Plan can be protected.

601. [*Transferred to the 8th May, 1992.*]

Number of Employees of Dalit Category in certain Mills in Pondicherry

602. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total number of employees in Swadeshi Cotton Mills, Pondicherry, Shri Bharathi Mills and Anglo French Textiles Limited, Pondicherry as on 31st December, 1991 cadre-wise and the number of Dalit (Harijan) employees working in the said mills;

(b) whether the reservation policy is being followed in the above said Textile Mills; and

(c) if not, what penal action is proposed to be taken against the defaulting textile mills for violation of the reservation policy ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) The total number of employees as on 31-12-1991 in Sri Bharati Mills and Swadeshi Cotton Mills, Pondicherry are 1285 and 1099 respectively. Anglo French Textile Ltd. is a unit of State Textiles Corporation and information is being collected.

The cadre-wise number of SC and ST employees working in the said mills of NTC are given below :—

	A	B	C	D
1. Sri Bharati Mills	—	2	1	105
2. Swadeshi Cotton Mills	1	1	1	113
TOTAL :	1	3	2	218

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Do not arise.

Import of Raw Silk

603. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 255 given in the Rajya Sabha on 9th December, 1991 and state :

(a) whether Government have since imported raw silk to help silk industry in the country; and

(b) if not, when it is likely to be imported ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) and (b) The Government had taken a decision to import 200 metric tonnes of raw silk of which the first consignment of 46.26 metric tonnes of imported raw silk is expected to reach India during the third week of this month.